GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Vacancies of RPF
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of safety related posts/posts of Railways Protection Force (RPF) are lying vacant in the Railways which is adversely affecting the safety of passengers in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these posts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c) Railway Protection Force (RPF) is mandated to provide security to railway property, passengers and passenger area. There are no safety related posts in RPF. Occurrence of vacancies due to retirement etc. and filling up of the same is an ongoing process. About 16,000 Constables were recruited in RPF in the year 2015, as a result of which the vacancies in RPF have reduced substantially. To ensure security of passengers, about 2300 important Mail/Express trains are escorted by the RPF, on an average, daily. This is in addition to escorting of about 2200 such trains by the Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel daily.

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